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FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PEPR, XF, US

SUBJECT: LONDON MIDDLE EAST MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 167940, (B) STATE 166711, (C) STATE 167992

1. DAYAN TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE IS CERTAIN ISRAELIS WILL TAKE PART IN LONDON MEETING. NONETHELESS, HE DOES NOT FEEL HE CAN TAKE ANY ACTION TO RESERVE HOTEL ROOMS UNTIL EYPTIAN PROPOSAL IS DELIVERED HERE AND DISCUSSED BY CABINET. HE WILL NEED FORMAL CABINET APPROVAL TO ATTEND, AND ISSUE CAN'T BE PUT TO CABINET UNTIL PROPOSAL RECEIVED. (BEGIN ALSO MADE CLEAR TO VICE PRESIDENT TODAY IN MEETING AND LATER TO PRESS THAT GOI WAS LOOKING FORWARD HOPEFULLY TO RENEWAL OF DIRECT TALKS AT LONDON. HE DID, HOWEVER, ALSO TALK ABOUT NEED TO STUDY EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL BEFORE FORMAL DECISION COULD BE TAKEN TO ATTEND.)

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2. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, IF CHURCHILL HOTEL INSISTS ON JULY 3 DEADLINE TO HOLD ROOMS, BEST SOLUTION IS FOR US TO BOOK BLOCK OF ABOUT 15 ROOMS IN USG NAME FOR ISRAELIS. (DAYAN SAID THEY CERTAINLY WON'T NEED 20, BUT HE COULDN'T GIVE ME A PRECISE NUMBER.) DAYAN IS AGREEABLE. I WILL MAKE EFFORT

TOMORROW TO OBTAIN CLEAR UNDERSTANDING RE GOI RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CANCELLATION FEES.

3. RE TIMING ON EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL, FOR REASONS OF POLITICAL SYMBOLISM, I SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT GIVE PROPOSAL TO GOI ON JULY 4. PROPOSE INSTEAD TO HAND IT OVER JULY 5, ASSUMING WE HAVE IT IN HAND BY THEN. CABINET WOULD MEET ON SUBJECT AT ITS REGULAR MEETING JULY 9. THEREFORE, FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OUR INVITATION COULD NOT OCCUR BEFORE END OF DAY JULY 9 -- AND ANNOUNCEMENT THEREFORE WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBSEQUENT TO THAT DATE.

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